

# New York Stock Market

NEW YORK, October 5.—Speculative confidence was jarred by the discovery of a vulnerable point in the market position of United States Steel. Moreover, the call loan market, instead of relaxing as the date of the October money payments recedes, rose higher than on Friday, and, by consequence, higher than since early in 1908. The rate touched 8 per cent.

There were points of strength still here and there, but the prevailing tone of stocks was depressed and uncertain. The constant succession of new high records in United States Steel has encouraged a presumption that the market protection for the price was inviolable, and that uninterrupted progress to par or above was an assured fact. It appears, however, that a growing proportion of the speculative buying in the recent past has been accompanied by the precaution of a stop-loss selling order, placed at a given point under the purchase price. An element amongst the professional speculators learned of the existence of these orders in large volume at about 82 and again at 81. By offering the price down to these levels, they saw opportunity for profit by buying in to cover their short sales, while the stop-loss selling orders were being executed.

The result was a drop in United States Steel of over 4 points from yesterday's high level. The most disconcerting feature of the movement to the bulls was the lack of demand for the stock at the most precipitate stages of the decline. Concessions of half a point were made without mending buying orders—a violence in the consecutive fluctuation unusual in so active a stock as United States Steel, and in which the market is so broad and constant. Below 81 the support of the stock became effective again and the price rallied. Movements for the rest of the day were notably lacking in decision, and the whole market was greatly unsettled in tone with a final violent break.

Oracular intimations were set afloat of important developments impending in the financial affairs of the United States Steel Corporation, but they did not avail to revive strength in the stock.

**Money Market Not Eased.**  
A considerable liquidation of speculative accounts must have been effected by the active selling during the day, but the money market was not eased correspondingly. The \$3,275,000 which the Subtreasury has absorbed since the last bank statement is sufficient in itself to about obliterate the slender surplus reserve then actually existing. Apparently, speculative borrowers, when called upon for repayments by the New York banks, find a less ready resource elsewhere.

Foreign exchange rates, which would be yielding to the gold import level in ordinary seasons, now hold steady in spite of the tightening money market. The flood of merchandise imports continues, and the exports do not grow, while the foreign lenders of money seem to hesitate about extending the huge credits already extended to American borrowers. There has been some transfer of banking credits to New York to interior points, according to the views of a well-known banking authority in Chicago. An approach to the limits of this resort is also indicated, although there was a recovery in New York Exchange at Chicago to-day from 4 cents to 15 cents discount per \$100. The advance was attributed to the imminence of the meeting which is expected to elect a successor to the late E. H. Harriman on the board of directors.

The strength of the Erie was regarded as sympathetic to an extent, renewed discouragement over the statistical picture of refined copper and a fresh decline in the commodity demand made up part of the day's market material. Call money by rising to 6 per cent. belied the assurance of a number of bankers that the rate would not go higher than 5 per cent. for the remainder of the year. The market closed weak and in some excitement.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, \$4,085,000. The market was unchanged on call. The market was unchanged on call.

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